IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS')) MDL No. 2323
CONCUSSION)
INJURY LITIGATION)
This relates to:) PETITION TO ESTABLISH) ATTORNEY'S LIEN
Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long)
Form Complaint and (if applicable))
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CHRISTIAN MORTON and)
LAKISHA MORTON, Plaintiffs,)
USDC, EDPA, Docket No. 2:13-cv-	
6101-AB	

Now, comes, the Petitioner, Michael L. McGlamry for Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood, P.C. ("Pope McGlamry"), pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-19-14 and executed employment contract section titled "Termination of this Agreement," and states as follows:

- (1) The Petitioner is an attorney at law admitted to practice before the courts of this state, and files this Petition to establish his lien for attorney's fees as set forth hereinafter.
- (2) On or about August 28, 2013, Petitioner was retained and employed by the Plaintiffs, Christian Morton and Lakisha Morton, pursuant to a contingent fee agreement, to pursue a claim for injuries and damages related thereto

possibly caused by the National Football League's and all other responsible parties' liability for former and/or retired NFL players' long-term brain injuries and other head injuries and damages associated with football-related concussions, head and brain injuries.

- (3) The specifics of the contingent fee agreement are as follows: If no recovery (by settlement or trial) is obtained client will not owe a legal fee or expenses. If Pope McGlamry obtains settlement or judgment for Client, Client will pay to Pope McGlamry thirty percent (30%) of the net recovery after reimbursement of expenses. Net recovery is the total recovery minus expenses.
- (4) When Petitioner entered into contract with Plaintiffs, he entered into the risk and expense of the litigation before any settlement discussion had been held.
 Pursuant to this agreement, the Petitioner filed a Complaint on November 12, 2013 in this matter on behalf of the Plaintiffs, which is the subject of the instant action.
- (5) From the date the Petitioner was authorized to proceed on behalf of the Plaintiffs, the Petitioner has actively and diligently applied himself to the investigation, preparation, and pursuit of Plaintiffs' claims, and has taken all steps necessary to prosecute those claims, including, but not limited to, the preparation and filing of two Complaints; correspondence and

communications with the clients; review of Questionnaire, preparation of Medical Symptom Form; preparing for and holding teleconferences on 9/27/2013, 1/7/2014, 6/26/2014, 8/26/2014, 4/28/2015, 6/1/2015; preparing for a scheduled client conference on 1/16/2014 to go through the proposed Settlement and specifically how it pertains to Plaintiffs Christian Morton and Lakisha Morton; and drafting and providing client updates on 8/29/2013, 8/30/2013, 9/3/2013, 9/24/2013, 1/6/2014, 1/8/2014, 1/15/2014, 7/7/214, 9/15/2014, 8/21/2014, 9/11/2014, 11/20/2014, 2/3/2015, 3/25/2015, 4/22/2015, 5/15/2015, 5/26/2015, 7/6/2015, 7/14/2015, 8/28/2015, 9/23/2015 and 11/20/2015; coordinating event Your Brain's Health event on 5/20/2014 at Emory University Hospital with Emory doctors, preparing for presentation, coordinating filming.

- (6) Throughout this litigation, Petitioner has served and continues to serve on the Plaintiff Steering Committee, as co-lead of the Discovery Committee, a member of the Communications Committee and the Sub-Committee on Attorney-Client Matters, all of which has inured to the Plaintiffs' benefit with Pope McGlamry's representation.
- (7) The Plaintiffs have recently discharged the Petitioner as their attorney in this matter, and it is expected that a new attorney will shortly be entering an appearance for the Plaintiffs in this action.

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(8) The Petitioner was not terminated by the Plaintiffs for cause, and the

termination was not due to any malfeasance or other improper action on the

part of the Petitioner.

(9) The Petitioner claims the right to have a lien for attorney's fees and expenses

established and enforced upon any sums to be derived from any settlement

or judgment obtained or to be obtained by Plaintiffs in this action.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays:

(1) That his attorney's lien be determined;

(2) That the amount of the lien be established;

(3) That the Court order that the Petitioner be entitled to enforce his

attorney's lien against the proceeds to be derived from any settlement

or judgment in this action;

(4) That the Defendant or the Defendant's insurer be prohibited from

paying to the Plaintiffs any sums of money until said lien has been

satisfied;

(5) For such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

Dated: April 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

POPE, McGLAMRY, KILPATRICK, MORRISON & NORWOOD, P.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused the foregoing *Petition to Establish Attorney's Lien* to be served via the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system in the United States

District Court for the Easter District of Pennsylvania, on all parties registered for

CM/ECF in the litigation.

DATED: April 8, 2016

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